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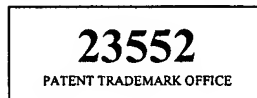
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		Maniatis et al., "Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual", <u>1st edition, New York Cold Spring Harbor Lab Press</u> , Chapter 12, pps. Selected pages (1982)
		Nosoh et al., "Protein Stability and Stabilization through Protein Engineering", <u>New York, New York: Ellis Horwood Ltd.</u> , pp. 26, 27, 55-56, 62, 143, 180 (1991)
		Paper No. 7 dated March 20, 1995 from the history of Serial No. 08/096,277, now U.S. Patent No. 5,875,482, authored by Lawrence H. Posorske, publicly available as of the issue date of the patent of November 26, 1996
		Paper No. 8 dated June 29, 1995 from file history of Serial No. 08/096,277, now U.S. Patent No. 5,875,482, authored by U.S. PTO Examiner, publicly available as of issue date of the patent of November 26, 1996

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